

In other words, according to the Justice Department, this bill, in its current form, will not lead to stiffer sentences for these horrible offenses and, in fact, may make it harder to prosecute child sex traffickers.

In light of these concerns, I have repeatedly offered to work with the author of this bill in the House of Representatives. My staff has communicated that we could revise this bill and expedite its passage into law. We could meet the same noble goal of the original legislation but do it in a way that is consistent with the express—express—concerns of the Department of Justice.

The changes needed are really quite simple. Instead of amending the applicable statutes, the amended legislation would ensure that the sentencing guidelines account for child trafficking that was committed in a school zone.

This simple revision guarantees that the recommended sentence for a defendant will be higher if the defendant knowingly committed the offenses in a school zone.

It also resolves all of the infirmities identified by the Department of Justice that could jeopardize prosecutions of child sex traffickers.

I want to make it clear. I take this matter very seriously, as I am sure the Senator from Texas and the Senator from Minnesota do. We watched carefully as the Department of Justice set their analysis. We responded to it in a responsible way, and we said to the House author of the bill, please accept these changes. They achieve your original goal, and do it in a way that would not make it more difficult to prosecute those who are guilty.

Unfortunately—unfortunately—so far, the author of this bill in the House of Representatives has refused to work with us on these changes.

Their position is that we cannot change a single word of the bill. That is not the approach to take when we are dealing with legislation of such a serious matter. We should take care that every word achieves the goal that we all want to seek—to lessen number of crimes of sex trafficking.

As a result, we are at an impasse because I am unwilling to pass legislation that the prosecutors tell us will make their job more difficult. And I believe that they are right, in our own analysis.

Madam President, for these reasons, I object to this request, but I reiterate, as I have over and over and over again to the House author, that I stand ready and more than willing to work with our colleagues in the House, along with Senator CORNYN and Senator KLOBUCHAR, to ensure that this legislation moves forward.

To express my good faith on this, I am going to make the following request: As in legislative session, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further—let me start over so it is clear on the record.

Therefore, I object to the original request for unanimous consent, and I ask that the Senator from Texas modify his request such that the Durbin substitute amendment at the desk be considered and agreed to; the bill, as amended, be considered read a third time and passed; and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Does the Senator so modify his request?

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, reserving the right to object, the Senator from Illinois asked why can't we change this bill. Well, first of all, this bill passed unanimously in the House. If we don't pass this bill today, it is dead, and the Senator's objection to this unanimous consent request will have effectively killed this legislation for this Congress, as he knows, because we start a new Congress and we will have to start all over from scratch.

I don't know when we decided to start outsourcing our authority as the Congress of the United States to the Department of Justice.

The fact of the matter is, the changes that the Senator is suggesting would basically be just to instruct the U.S. Sentencing Commission to amend their Federal sentencing guidelines to incorporate specific offense characteristics for any offense under this legislation. So, basically, he has got another way to build a mousetrap that doesn't really change anything except the fact that he will effectively have killed this legislation this Congress, and we will have to start all over again.

The reason why I am here today and why Congresswoman SHEILA JACKSON LEE is here on the floor is because this is a problem at schools in her legislative district, where human traffickers come and they try to recruit teenage kids—girls, mainly—high school and younger, into the sex trade. And we think it is appropriate that enhanced penalties attach to these criminals who commit these terrible crimes against children in our schools.

And, unfortunately, by deferring to the Department of Justice's criticism—they are a part of the executive branch. We are a coequal branch of government. It is our job to say what the law is, and it is their job to enforce it.

So I am sorry that the Senator from Illinois believes that the Department of Justice's ideas should prevail over those of the collective wisdom of both branches of the Congress. Like I said, this bill passed unanimously in the House of Representatives; but, because of his objection, it will effectively be dead for this legislative session. And I think it is a missed opportunity and a crying shame.

I object to his request to modify my request for unanimous consent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Is there objection to the original request?

Mr. DURBIN. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nomination: Calendar No. 1195, Richard L. Revesz, of New York, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; that the Senate vote on the nomination without intervening action or debate; that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action and the Senate resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the nomination.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Richard L. Revesz, of New York, to be Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Revesz nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now resume legislative session.

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2023—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The junior Senator from Delaware.

#### AFGHAN ADJUSTMENT ACT

Mr. COONS. Madam President, I come to the floor for a few moments with a friend and a colleague, Senator LINDSEY GRAHAM of South Carolina, but speaking on behalf of a much broader group of Senators.

Senator AMY KLOBUCHAR of Minnesota has been my partner in this. We have 10 Senators who are cosponsors of an urgent bill, the Afghan Adjustment Act, and the message behind it is simple: that we have to do right by those who fought alongside us for 20 years.

Madam President, I have two letters with me that I will briefly reference that Shawn VanDiver and the great folks of #AfghanEvac pulled together and presented to us. They have been sent to the majority and minority leaders of the House and the Senate—one signed by 44 flag officers. And I will read one sentence:

We are convinced the Afghan Adjustment Act furthers the national security interests of the United States. It is also a moral imperative.

And the other, from every former Ambassador from the United States to

Afghanistan, says that “without the Afghan Adjustment Act, the task of American diplomacy will be much more difficult.” If we don’t act to support our allies by passing it in the future, allies will be less likely to support us.

And before I hand over comments to my friend and colleague, I just wanted to close by saying, I know this story all too well of an Afghan family of five in Newark, DE: Cher and Shakira Alizai. He served and fought alongside a Delawarean and saved his life. And today, after having received death threats and fleeing the Taliban, he is working day and night to support his family but without the legal status here that this bill would provide.

For folks who are concerned about the alleged lack of vetting of the 70,000 Afghans who were brought here, this is the way we get that done: in-person vetting that secures the United States and provides a predictable path forward for these folks.

I want to thank Congressman PETER MEIJER of Michigan, an Army veteran of Iraq, who has been a tireless voice in support of this legislation, and I want to invite my friend and colleague to speak about this legislation and its urgency for our country.

Mr. GRAHAM. Madam President, I will be very brief here.

What we are trying to do is solve a dilemma for the Nation. The people we are talking about here almost all came on military aircraft as the country of Afghanistan descended into darkness.

Yesterday, the Taliban denied a university education for all women. Basically, all women in Afghanistan, under Taliban rule, can’t go to school anywhere, anyhow.

The people who are here that we are talking about got on military aircraft—some have come out other ways—and they have fought alongside us. There is a vetting problem. I acknowledge it.

We are going to solve the vetting problem. We are going to make sure that people go through a vetting system that protects our national security interests here at home. But 40 percent of these people were Chief of Mission vetted.

These are the people who interpreted for us, who were there when we needed them during this 20-year war, and they have no place to go. If we send them back, it is a certain death sentence.

We failed to get it in the omnibus, but we are going to keep trying. I want to let everybody know—the veterans out there who served alongside this population—we are not going to let you down. They were there for you, and we are going to be there for you and them. We are going to get this done. This is the right thing to do.

There is no other ending that is acceptable to me. The people who were there with us in the fight, that are here in America, need to stay. This will be their new home. They are willing to die for our military members and contractors and civilians.

I have been to Iraq and Afghanistan over 50 times. A lot of the interpreters that I worked with have made it out. I got involved, like many veterans here in the Senate and the House. So we have a moral obligation to these people. They will make great citizens over time, and we are going to vet them to make sure that we have the right people here.

But I promise Senator COONS and KLOBUCHAR and WICKER and MORAN—the group that started this—that we are going to get this done. To all the veterans groups: Keep your voice up. We need you now more than ever. Next year, this will be a top priority.

So we are going to succeed in giving those who were willing to risk their life for Americans serving abroad a place to call home: America.

Mr. COONS. Madam President, I just want to thank my colleagues who have been such great and steadfast supporters. Senator KLOBUCHAR has been tireless in the Democratic Caucus, and we have been joined by Senator BLUMENTHAL, Senator SHAHEEN, and Senator LEAHY.

Senator SHAHEEN has also fought tirelessly for the SIB program. There is an expansion of that in the omnibus.

And, on the other side of the aisle, Senator BLUNT, Senator MURKOWSKI, Senator MORAN, and Senator WICKER have joined Senator GRAHAM as cosponsors.

We are so grateful for the American veterans who have brought these cases and this issue to us over and over and have pressed for it. As my colleague from South Carolina has just said, we will not stop fighting for the men and women who served alongside us, who supported our mission, who were a part of our evacuation, and who are now here.

I cannot imagine a worse moral outcome than for us to force them back to Afghanistan, and this piece of legislation has crafted a solution that allows for in-person vetting for every single Afghan in this country, in exchange for which they would have a path toward legal status.

After the Vietnam war, thousands of those who served in the military of South Vietnam came to the United States, also as refugees, and they were given legal status through a special adjustment act. That is what we are seeking to do here.

Those who are here as Afghans temporarily on humanitarian parole face uncertainty and difficulty. We should resolve this. The opposition of a very small number of Senators has blocked this from moving forward, and we want to focus on getting this done.

To those veterans, those Members of the House, those advocates who have been a part of this effort, we want to thank you. To those who are wondering when and how we are going to get this done, you heard the pledge of my colleague. We are going to keep at this for the rest of this Congress and, if necessary, into the next. We are grateful

for your voice, your service, and your support, and we look forward to working with you on this urgent mission together.

With that, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The senior Senator from Arkansas.

#### HONORING FALLEN OFFICERS

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I rise today with my friend and colleague Senator COTTON to honor law enforcement officers and recognize the service and heroism of Arkansans who vow to serve and protect by pursuing a career in law enforcement. These individuals selflessly volunteer for this duty while accepting that the dangers of the job also continually put them in harm’s way.

It takes a special person to take on that responsibility, and that fact must never be lost on us. Today, I want to recognize several law enforcement officers who recently made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

#### REMEMBERING DETECTIVE PAUL NEWELL

Benton County Detective Paul Newell was escorting a convoy of vehicles delivering materials for Wreaths Across America when he was tragically killed in a motorcycle crash on Saturday, December 17.

As a 24-year veteran of the Benton County Sheriff’s Office, Detective Newell made a lasting impression on his colleagues, the community, and everyone who knew him.

Those who served alongside him saw firsthand the impact of his compassion and kindness on friends and strangers alike. These traits served him well in more than two decades as a law enforcement officer. He was happy to engage with community members to foster positive relationships, participating in events like Shop with a Cop to spread Christmas cheer to children in need.

He launched his career in law enforcement in 1998 and worked in many jobs in the Benton County Sheriff’s Office, including as patrol deputy, patrol sergeant, and training sergeant. His commitment to ensuring that others in the sheriff’s office learned from his training and experience was evident.

Detective Newell was also a motorcycle enthusiast. He rode with the Harley Owners Group and shared that interest with kids in the community by letting them sit on his motorcycle at local events.

As a veteran of the U.S. Army, he continued his mission to serve others into civilian life and faithfully represented what it means to be a true public servant.

I join all Arkansans as we mourn the death of this hero. Detective Newell demonstrated what it means to protect and serve every day when he put on his badge and uniform, and his final act was in honor of others who served our country.

I ask my colleagues to lift up Detective Newell’s family in prayer. We are forever grateful for his selfless sacrifice.

I am honored to be here with my colleague from Arkansas, Senator COTTON, to show our appreciation for fallen, but not forgotten, law enforcement officials.

Mr. COTTON. Madam President, I join one of law enforcement's finest friends, Senator BOOZMAN, in honoring and mourning Benton County Detective Paul Newell, who passed away on Saturday after a lifetime of service to his community, our State, and our country.

Detective Newell was also an Army veteran and a law enforcement officer who had served with the Benton County Sheriff's Office for 24 years.

Detective Newell began his career in the office's detention division. Thanks to his hard work, he rose through the ranks to be a patrol deputy, a patrol sergeant, a training sergeant, a lieutenant, and, finally, a detective in the criminal investigative division.

In short, Detective Newell was a patriot who served his community and his country with great devotion, and, even in his final moments, that is exactly what he was doing.

Last weekend, Detective Newell gave up his Saturday morning to escort the Wreaths Across America procession through Bentonville. The procession was delivering wreaths to our fallen veterans at Fayetteville National Cemetery. Detective Newell was on a police motorcycle. Tragically, Detective Newell's motorcycle struck a curb during the procession. He crashed into a semitruck and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Detective Newell's passing is a tragedy and a reminder that the men and women of law enforcement risk their lives every day—and not just in shoot-outs or foot chases but in so many other unsung acts of service they perform day in and day out.

Detective Newell deserves our gratitude, as does every American who puts on the uniform. I am proud to report that the community of Northwest Arkansas came together to show their gratitude for Detective Newell's service. The morning after that tragic crash, officers and citizens alike came out to honor Detective Newell as law enforcement transported his remains to the Arkansas State Crime Lab.

Detective Newell gave his life during a procession honoring our fallen heroes. So it is only fitting that Detective Newell should have received a procession honoring him in return.

Detective Newell's watch has ended, but his spirit and his memory live on. May God comfort his wife Charlene, his daughters, and all those who knew him in this life. May God bless and keep Paul Newell.

REMEMBERING POLICE SERGEANT DONALD SCOPY

Madam President, I also sadly join Senator BOOZMAN today in mourning the death of another patriot, veteran, and great Arkansan. Last week, Stuttgart Police Sergeant Donald Scoby was shot and killed in the line of duty while pursuing a dangerous criminal.

Officer Scoby lived a life of selfless service. He is described by friends as "the type of person who would give you the shirt off his back."

He joined the U.S. Army and was deployed to both Iraq and Bosnia, where he fought to keep peace halfway around the world. He proudly and honorably served in our Armed Forces, but he wasn't done there.

Back in Arkansas, he joined the Stuttgart Fire Department and then in 2018 joined the Stuttgart Police Department. In 2019, the department named him "Officer of the Year."

After a life of running toward danger to protect others, Officer Scoby was in hot pursuit of a violent and unstable criminal, a man named Jacob Barnes, last week. Barnes then abandoned his car and fled on foot. Officer Scoby pursued him. As Scoby chased down this menace to our society, Barnes opened fire on the officers, shooting and killing Officer Scoby.

Later that night, Barnes met an end that, it is fair to say, he deserved. He was killed by Arkansas SWAT officers. But this justice is insufficient to repair the far deeper injustice that he had inflicted on our State and on Officer Scoby's comrades in arms, his family, and his friends. Arkansas lost a hero last week.

Donald Scoby served in war zones, charged toward raging fires, and fought criminals threatening our streets. He protected our country, our State, and our neighborhoods. He lived a noble life and he died nobly, serving the community he loved and swore to protect. He leaves a legacy and an example from which all Arkansans can draw inspiration.

We grieve his death, but we are grateful for Sergeant Scoby's life of sacrifice. Our prayers are with his wife Amanda and his four children—Rebecca, Sarah, Dylan, and Haley—and all those who knew him and loved him. May God bless and keep Donald Scoby and may God console his family and friends in this time of grief.

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam President, I also want to recognize the service and sacrifice of Stuttgart Police Department Sergeant Donald Scoby, who, as we have heard, was deeply passionate about public service. For 4 years, he protected his community as an officer of the law.

Sergeant Scoby was fatally shot while attempting to apprehend a suspect who fled a traffic stop last week and laid to rest last Monday.

Even before joining the police force, he demonstrated his willingness to give back. In fact, helping others and meeting needs bigger than his own have been a cornerstone of his life.

He served in the U.S. Army and deployed during the Iraq War, in addition to being part of the peacekeeping group in Bosnia.

He also stepped up to the plate back home, working at the local fire department, first as a volunteer before joining full time. His colleagues at the fire

department recall his friendly manner and enthusiasm for helping others.

His positive attitude and determination were apparent to those he served with or encountered. The Stuttgart mayor called Sergeant Scoby a fierce advocate for the community, and others close to him fondly remember his humor and selflessness, describing him as "the type of person who would give you the shirt off his back."

It is clear that he meant a great deal to so many, and his legacy as a giver and protector will serve to inspire countless others and comfort his family, friends, and all of those impacted throughout his life.

Sergeant Scoby's death is a tragic reminder of the risk law enforcement officers face each day when they put on their uniform and start their shift, knowing their duty to serve and protect could place their safety and very lives in jeopardy.

Yet that is exactly the choice they make each day, just as Sergeant Scoby did only a few short days ago. Tragically, but with valor and resolve to uphold his oath, he made the ultimate sacrifice.

My thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones, including Amanda, his wife of 16 years, his children, and colleagues at the Stuttgart Police Department, as well as the citizens of this very close community as they mourn the loss of a hero in Sergeant Donald Scoby.

REMEMBERING POLICE OFFICER VINCENT PARKS

Madam President, finally, we join together to recognize the service and sacrifice of Jonesboro Police Officer Vincent Parks.

"Vinnie," as his family and friends called him, was one of those brave Americans willing to answer the call and play an integral role in the safety and security of his neighbors, friends, and even strangers. He was just weeks into his law enforcement career, learning about how to be a force for good and the responsibilities that come with wearing a badge.

While continuing his police training at the Central Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy at Camp Robinson in North Little Rock, his life was tragically cut short. Though he did not survive the medical episode he experienced, we know he was prepared to sacrifice his own safety and well-being for the good of others.

We are blessed to have brave men and women like Patrolman Parks, who are willing to wear the uniform and take the risk.

His death is not in vain, and his community has already demonstrated an outpouring of support to show how grateful they are for his service.

Honoring his life is also a tribute to his family, whom we know were the most important thing to him. He surrounded himself with the love of his mother Jacquelyn, his wife Christina, and his daughter Viviana—his little girl whose dancing brought him endless joy and pride.

This son, husband, dad, friend, and colleague is gone too soon, but he will

live in the hearts and memories of all those he impacted and who cared for him.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with the Jonesboro community and those who served alongside Officer Parks and all those who loved him.

May he rest in peace and may his example inspire and shape future acts of service and sacrifice.

I yield the floor to Senator COTTON and thank him for his constant efforts to champion our law enforcement community.

Mr. COTTON. Sadly, I join Senator BOOZMAN again in mourning the death of a public servant and a good and decent Arkansan. This July, Jonesboro policeman Vincent Parks died of a heart attack after training exercises at the Central Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy. He was on the force for 32 days.

Parks was a native Arkansan and dedicated family man who is survived by his loving wife Christina and his daughter Viviana. He is remembered as a kind and joyful man with an infectious smile and positive attitude that could fill a room.

For 14 years, he had a good, stable job, but he felt a calling to do more and to serve the community where he was born. So in June of this year, he answered that call. At the age of 38, he joined the Jonesboro Police Department.

Tragically, only a month into this noble new chapter of his life, Officer Parks started showing signs of medical distress during training. He suffered a severe heart attack on the way to the hospital and was pronounced dead later that day.

All of Arkansas was saddened by the news of this good and dedicated man who was taken from his family and community so young and too early, but his memory, spirit, and example endure.

May God bless and keep Vinnie Parks, and may God bless and keep all of our heroic fallen officers.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

#### FOR THE RELIEF OF ARPITA KURDEKAR, GIRISH KURDEKAR, AND VANDANA KURDEKAR

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 680 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the bill by title. The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 680) for the relief of Arpita Kurdekar, Girish Kurdekar, and Vandana Kurdekar.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read

a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 680) was ordered to a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Madam President, this measure provides relief through H.R. 680 for Arpita Kurdekar and her parents, Girish and Vandana.

Arpita came here from India in 2014 to pursue higher education. Like so many students before her, she was drawn to the strength of our universities. She started her master's degree at the University of Buffalo.

Heartbreakingly and tragically, in September of 2016, in a freak accident, she was struck by a falling tree and suffered a severe spinal injury that caused her to be paralyzed from the neck down. Her parents came to this country from India to be at her side, to be her aid.

Remarkably, she has not only survived, but she has thrived. In fact, she has found the strength and will and character to overcome that paralysis. She is now a resident of Connecticut and she pursues a Ph.D. in structural engineering at the University of Connecticut, while also working as a graduate research fellow and research assistant. Her research is on the cutting edge, exploring how technologies, including virtual reality, can enhance learning opportunities in engineering and the arts.

It is a miraculous story.

Here, she has access to physical therapy and to other resources that she needs, and services. Of course, her parents are essential to her performance and, indeed, her thriving as she has done. If she is forced to return to India, she would have drastically reduced opportunities for her and also for this country, which is benefiting enormously from her work. She would have needed access to physical care and therapy that were unavailable there. She would have effectively been homebound due to the lack of accessibility for the disabled.

In all kinds of ways, her life will now be productive and rewarding to her and to this country. That is why, in recognition of those very difficult circumstances, the Kurdekar family has been accorded the permanent status to stay here as a result of our passing this bill without objection—in effect, unanimously—here. I thank my colleagues for that action.

#### AFGHAN ADJUSTMENT ACT

Madam President, I also want to talk briefly about the Afghan Adjustment Act because I have just come from the Senate Swamp, the lawn outside the Capitol, where a group representing the veterans and Afghan allies and others who traveled across country who have been literally on the steps of our Capitol to tell us, in effect, that we have an obligation to the at-risk Afghan allies. Literally thousands of them have

come here and have only a limited amount of time under their current status, the humanitarian parole, and then could be deported back to Afghanistan and to a place where they would have targets on their back, where they would face persecution, torture, death.

We need to give them permanent status here. We need to provide these men and women, who have risked their lives for our country and put their futures on the line for us, the safety and security of staying in this country. We cannot turn our backs on the Afghan allies who managed to escape in those frightful days last summer, nor can we turn our backs to the at-risk Afghan allies who remain there.

I have advocated their cause. I championed their plight for the months since we withdrew from Afghanistan. I will pledge to them, to our veterans who have so bravely advocated this cause, and to the Afghan allies who come to this country that we will continue this fight.

Some of these individuals are former Afghan special forces. Some are female members of the Afghan defense forces who accompanied our troops and provided vital intelligence that saved countless American lives.

Overall, these Afghan allies, now at risk, worked with our troops and diplomats and helped to save their lives and guide them.

I know from my son's own experience as a U.S. Marine Corps officer that our men and women in combat were, in fact, saved and made secure because of their interpreters, their guides, their translators, all who worked with our troops and diplomats.

We must honor our commitment to them. They put their lives on the line for us. A failure would be a stain on our national honor. Great nations keep their promises, and that is what the Afghan Adjustment Act would enable us to do. We need to pass it next session if we cannot do it this session.

I regret that right now it is not part of the omnibus budget bill, but our bipartisan group—and it is truly bipartisan and we have the votes to pass it even with a 60-vote threshold—will continue fighting, working for this cause.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. OSSOFF). The Senator from Connecticut.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations en bloc: Calendar Nos. 1171, 1189, 1190, 1191, 1192, 1193, and 1200; that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc without intervening action or debate; the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; and that